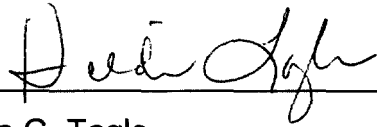


motion to allow Jaime Munoz to appear was **GRANTED**. Dkt. Nos. 216, 217.

Furthermore, Mr. Munoz is just now appearing on behalf of Defendant to represent him in a criminal matter involving investigations which span a course of approximately 20 years, which include numerous investigations, and which involve thousands of evidentiary items, including documents, weapons, and drugs. Therefore, a continuance is necessary in this case so that Defendant's new counsel may have an opportunity to effectively prepare for trial. Furthermore, the Court finds that a denial of Defendant's motion for continuance would result in a miscarriage of justice and would deny his counsel reasonable time for effective preparation, regardless of whether he exercises due diligence. See 18 U.S.C. § 3161(h)(8)(B)(i), (iv). Therefore, the Court **GRANTED** Defendant's motion for continuance. Dkt. No. 218. Nonetheless, this continuance only applies to the final pretrial conference, jury selection, and trial dates for this case. All motion hearings and other deadlines in this case are unaffected by the granting of Defendant's motion for a continuance.

Finally, the Court addressed Defendant's oral motion for leave to file late motions. The Court **GRANTED** this motion. Defendant is permitted to file any motions he believes are necessary and proper by no later than Monday, April 23, 2007. The Government may then respond to these motions by Tuesday, April 24, 2007, at 5:00 p.m. These motions, if any are filed, will be heard by the Court on Wednesday, April 25, 2007, at 9:00 a.m. Defendant, his counsel, and the Government's counsel are hereby **ORDERED** to attend this hearing.

DONE at Brownsville, Texas, this 16 day of April, 2007.



Hilda G. Tagle
United States District Judge